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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

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IMPORT TRADE CONTROL

*New Delhi, the 16th March, 1956*

SUBJECT:—*Dock Strike in Australia.*

**No. 13-I.T.C.(P.N.)/56.**—It is reported that there was dock strike in Australia which commenced from the 22nd January, 1956 and ended on the 15th February, 1956. As the result thereof, there have been cases of delays of shipments.

2. The matter has been considered and it has been decided that all import licences, the effective period of validity of which (after taking into account the 15 days' grace period and the concession provided for in paragraph 71 of the current Red Book) expired during the currency of the Dock Strike in Australia, will be automatically extended to cover shipments upto 15th April, 1956. This concession would be applicable to import licences which, after taking into account the 15 days' grace period, expired on 15th February 1956 or thereafter.

3. No formal revalidation of the licences would be necessary. The Customs Authorities will allow clearance of goods against the import licences provided the importers produce a certificate from their foreign suppliers/shippers to the effect that the goods in question would have been shipped during the period of original validity of the licence but for this strike in Australia.

4. It may please be noted that:

- (i) No further period of grace after 15th April, 1956, will be allowed in the case of such shipments; and
- (ii) No fresh letters of Credit will be allowed to be opened during this period of extension in the validity of the licences but letters of Credit which have already been opened against these licences and have expired during this period can be renewed or extended.

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